Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Thomas D. Manning's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Manning devoted more than 25 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Heavy Construction Equipment Operator, Section Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant with the South Dakota Army National Guard and the Active Army; he has attended training in Germany, Nicaragua, has been deployed to Kuwait in Support of Operation Desert Storm and to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and many state activations in support of fire-fighting operations, blizzards and floods; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Manning continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Thomas D. Manning for more than 25 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2006, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS THOMAS D. MANNING DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State